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Date: 6/19/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-3880) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN -
VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: Los Angeles

*Extortion case opened
Los Angeles airtel to Director
6-19-68
Sirhan Bishara Sirhan -
Victim 9-3880*

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and one xerox copy of the following items:

1. A three-page handwritten and hand printed, unsigned letter dated 6/10/68 with the greeting, "Dear Mary;" and with the closing, "Around Your House".

2. An envelope postmarked, "Santa Monica, CA 14 Jun 1968" addressed to Mrs. MARY SIRHAN.

3. A newspaper photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN "Held in Kennedy Shooting".

The enclosed items were received in the United States Mail at the residence of Mrs. MARY SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, and were made available to Agents by ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, who said due to the volume of mail received at the above residence he cannot recall the exact date it was received. The enclosures have been handled by ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN and Mrs. MARY SIRHAN, brother and mother, respectively, of victim, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. Major case fingerprints

4 - Bureau (Encls. 6) (RM)

3 - Los Angeles

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Approved: W. F. F. / 11
Special Agent in Charge

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LA 9-3880

of both have been previously submitted to the Bureau under the KENSALT case caption. ADEL and MARY SIRHAN have no idea who wrote or caused to send the enclosed items through the United States Mail.

Victim described as an Arab male, born 3/19/44 in Jerusalem, is the accused slayer of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and is currently confined under maximum security in the Los Angeles County Jail.

The Pasadena Police Department has been advised of receipt of enclosed items. It will be noted that the Pasadena Police Department has afforded protection to the SIRHAN family. Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office also advised.

Facts of this matter were presented to U. S. Attorney W. MATTHEW BYRNE, Jr., Los Angeles, by SA JOHN F. MORRISON on 6/18/68. Mr. BYRNE withheld prosecutive opinion. He said that he would immediately discuss this matter with the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. He said that he would advise the Los Angeles Office of his opinion after his discussion with the Department.

Due to the sensitive nature of this case and its possible relationship with KENSALT, this matter was immediately discussed with U. S. Attorney W. MATTHEW BYRNE, Jr., and the Los Angeles Office will be guided by his opinion, UACB.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process the originals for latent fingerprints of value. If latent fingerprints of value are obtained, will compare them with the fingerprints of MARY SIRHAN and ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN. The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to retain unidentified fingerprints for future comparison in the event further investigation will be conducted in this matter.

The enclosed items are submitted for search and inclusion in the Anonymous Letter File.

Los Angeles will advise the Bureau of the opinion furnished by U. S. Attorney W. MATTHEW BYRNE, Jr., in this matter.

F B I

Date: 6/20/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-3881) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
KARL UECKER -
VICTIM;
SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY -
VICTIM;
CHILDREN OF
ROBERT F. KENNEDY -
VICTIMS
EXTORTION
OO: Los Angeles

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 6/20/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and one xerox copy of an envelope postmarked "Frankfurt Am AIN" bearing German postage stamps and addressed to "HERMIL KARL UECKER" and a one-page, undated, handwritten letter in the German language.

Also enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned as above, one copy of which is to be disseminated to U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C.

KARL UECKER is the only person known to have handled the enclosed letter. He said he has no idea who was responsible for preparation and transmittal of the enclosed items.

1 - Bureau (Encls. 9) (RM)

(3) - Los Angeles
(1) - 56-156)

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process originals for latent fingerprints of value. If latent fingerprints of value are obtained, will compare them with the fingerprints of KARL UECKER, described as a white male, born 3/9/32 at Dusseldorf, Germany. The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to retain unidentified fingerprints for future comparison in the event further investigation will be conducted in this matter.

The enclosed items are submitted for search and inclusion in the Anonymous Letter File.

It is requested that the enclosures be translated and results furnished to the Los Angeles Office.

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Date: 6/21/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-³⁸⁸³~~111~~) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
~~John Lawrence~~
RUSSELL E. PARSONS -
VICTIM
EXTORTION

Re New York airtel to the Bureau 6/6/68 titled, "JOHN M. LAURENCE, aka John M. Lawrence, RA - MIDDLE EAST", with JFM enclosed; New York teletype to Bureau 6/13/68 titled, "KPMASALT".

On 6/20/68, PATRICIA NAVARRO, Receptionist at the Law Office of RUSSELL E. PARSONS, 205 South Broadway Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI, and advised she received two telephone calls from an individual who identified himself as JOHN LAWRENCE calling from telephone number 212-477-1826, New York City. Caller stated he was Executive Secretary of the Clemency Committee for SIRHAN SIRHAN. He stated Los Angeles criminal attorneys are "crooks", and will take SIRHAN "down the river". He said "we are out to get Mr. PARSONS" and "we are going to get you". Caller said PARSONS is being paid \$150,000 to represent SIRHAN and there are 250,000 Arabs who are very militant and are not going to let PARSONS get away with it. Caller repeated himself during the telephone conversation. He was described by Miss NAVARRO as upset and high strung. He sounded like he had a Jewish accent.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - New York (Info)
- 3 - Los Angeles
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 Special Agent in Charge

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LA 9-NEW

RUSSELL E. PARSONS is the attorney that has been selected by SIRHAN SIRHAN to represent him in his forthcoming trial. PARSONS contacted Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and requested protection. LAPD advised they told PARSONS regarding this request that before any protection would be afforded, the matter would have to be discussed with the Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court System.

Contact by FBI with USA W. MATTHEW BYRNE, JR., Los Angeles, this date, determined that the matter had been discussed with PARSONS and the Presiding Judge who advised a hearing would have to be held to determine whether protection would be afforded PARSONS by LAPD.

BYRNE further advised that due to the sensitive nature of this case, the nature of the allegation and apparent relationship it has to the prosecution of SIRHAN SIRHAN, he would withhold prosecutive opinion regarding possible violation of the Federal Extortion Statute and recommend no investigation be conducted by the FBI at this time. The Los Angeles Office will be guided by his opinion UACB.

On 6/21/68, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LASO) furnished the following information in absolute confidence:

SIRHAN SIRHAN received a letter dated 6/7/68 bearing the signature of JOHN M. LAWRENCE, Chairman, Federated Americans Against Israeli Racism, 57 West 10th Street, New York, New York.

In the letter, LAWRENCE offered SIRHAN SIRHAN any assistance he desired and indicated he and his organization would commence a campaign to seek mercy for SIRHAN. The LASO also furnished information concerning a news sheet entitled, "INSIGHT", published by "Federated Americans Against Israeli Racism". This news sheet bears the dateline New York, New York, and sets forth the aim to "restore Palestine to the Arab people". The name JOHN M. LAWRENCE is mentioned in this news sheet.

LA 9-NEW

Re New York airtel to the Bureau 6/6/68 describes JOHN M. LAWRENCE, a law researcher, as the chairman of "a pro-Arab radical left action group," Federated Americans Against Israeli Racism (FAIR).

Re New York teletype to Bureau dated 6/13/68 sets forth information concerning the results of indices search by New York Office. As of August, 1967, JOHN M. LAWRENCE was active in an organization known as FAIR. FAIR is not characterized or on the Attorney General's list. LAWRENCE is described as a white male, 35 - 40 years old, 5'7", 150 pounds, fair complexion with pale blue eyes and brown hair greying and thinning on the top. He and his wife, MARJORIE M. LAWRENCE are listed in the New York telephone book as residing at 57 West Tenth Street, New York, New York, telephone number GR 7-1826.

Los Angeles indices contain no other information identifiable with JOHN M. LAWRENCE.

Copies of this communication are furnished New York for information purposes and in the event further investigation is needed in this matter.

SAC, Los Angeles (9-3881)
(56-156)

June 25, 1968

Director, FBI

UNSUB;
KARL UECKER - VICTIM;
SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY - VICTIM;
CHILDREN OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY -
VICTIMS
EXTORTION

REGISTERED MAIL

Attached is the translation which you requested by ~~xxxx~~ airtel
dated **6/20/68**.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported
under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative
attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in
this connection is set forth below:

**Retained until completion of examination by the Latent
Fingerprint Section.**

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6/28/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (9-2062)

UNSUB;

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN - VICTIM

EXTORTION

OO: Indianapolis

Re Bureau letter, 6/17/68.

On 6/19/68, AUSA DAVID LEE CASTERLINE, Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis, advised he would consider prosecution.

On 6/26/68, USA K. EDWIN APPLIGATE, Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis, issued a subpoena via authority of the Federal Grand Jury at Indianapolis. The subpoena was then served by SA ANGELO J. LANO on GEORGE STANLEY of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company of Indianapolis, Indiana.

On 6/27/68, GEORGE STANLEY furnished the following information:

From a review of the toll calls made on 6/6/68, the record reflected that at approximately 10:18 PM, that date, a call was placed to the San Francisco Police Department from Muncie, Indiana. The caller gave the number as 284-5544; however, the call was traced to the actual number of 283-8392, which is listed to ED SLUSHER, 229 North Hackley, Muncie, Indiana.

- 3 - Bureau
- ② - Los Angeles
- 2 - San Francisco
- 2 - Indianapolis

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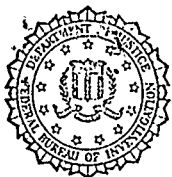
STANLEY further advised that in discussion with the chief operator, he ascertained that the calling party had first attempted to contact the Los Angeles Police Department and wished to speak with the Chief of Police; however, since this line was tied up, the caller then said, "O.K., give me San Francisco".

STANLEY advised that the call was traced by the telephone company to the number 288-8392. If further information is desired regarding number 284-5544, STANLEY will furnish it.

The current Muncie telephone directory reflects telephone number 284-5544, is listed to D. D. SLUSHER, 2201 East 8th; and that number 288-8392, is listed to ED SLUSHER, 229 North Hackley.

The current Muncie city directory lists DELANEY D. SLUSHER as retired and residing 2201 East 8th; and ED SLUSHER as an investigator, County Trustee's Office, and residing 229 North Hackley Street.

On 6/28/68, AUSA CASTERLINE was again contacted and he stated he would still consider prosecution if the identity of the person who made the call could be determined and wanted either or both SLUSHERs interviewed regarding instant call.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California

October 15, 1968

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
RUSSELL E. PARSONS -
VICTIM
EXTORTION

On October 15, 1968, Russell E. Parsons, Attorney of Record for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused slayer of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, brought the following envelope and letter to the attention of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): (See Pages 2 and 3)

- 5 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - USA, Los Angeles (RM)
- 1 - U.S. Secret Service,
Los Angeles (RM)
- 1 - 115th MIG, Pasadena (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles Police
Department (RM)
- ③ Los Angeles (9-3947)
(1 - 56-156)

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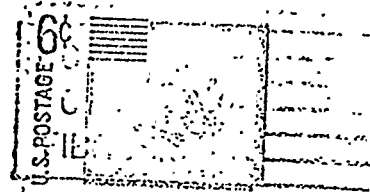
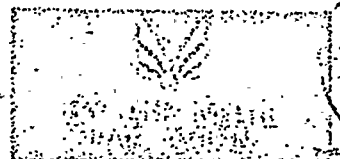
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POSTAGE DUE, 4 CENTS

RUSSELL E PARSONS,
ATTORNEY
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
~~COURTHOUSE~~
205 S Broadway
LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA
U. S. A.

X OCT 1968

MR PARSONS,

IF YOUR CLIENT
- NAMELY RAT FACE SIRHAN
BISHARA SIRHAN FAILS TO GET
EXECUTED - YOU WILL DIE IN
HIS PLACE.

ANYONE WHO IS
WILLING TO DEFEND A RAT
SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED
TO DIE WITH HIM OR FOR
HIM.

IF YOU MAKE ANY MORE
STATEMENTS PUBLICLY CLAIMING
SIRHAN TO BE A HERO, YOUR
HOUSE WILL BE BLOWN TO
PIECES PLUS ANYONE THAT
HAPPENS TO BE IN IT. -
YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT
BABY!!!

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
RUSSELL E. PARSONS -
VICTIM
EXTORTION

On the same date the facts of this matter were presented to Assistant U. S. Attorney Robert L. Brosio, Chief of the Criminal Division, U. S. Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, for a prosecutive opinion regarding violation of the Federal Extortion Statute. Mr. Brosio said he would discuss this matter with U. S. Attorney W. Matthew Byrne, Jr. He said he would notify the Los Angeles Office of the FBI of his opinion as soon as he had discussed this with Mr. Byrne.

The originals of the letter and envelope, received by Mr. Parsons, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C., for examination.

This will confirm the information furnished to Special Agent Fred Clark, U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, and to Special Agent Myers Howard, 115th Military Intelligence Group, U. S. Army, Region II, Pasadena, California, on October 15, 1968. In addition, Sergeant Michael Neilson, Los Angeles Police Department, was also advised.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

F B I

Date: 10/15/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-3947) (P)

RE: UNSUB;
RUSSELL E. PARSONS -
VICTIM
EXTORTION

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and one xerox copy of an air mail envelope postmarked, "Long Beach, CA" addressed, "Russell E. Parsons," and a one-page, handwritten, unsigned letter with the greeting, "Mr. Parsons,".

Also enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned as above, one copy of which is to be disseminated to U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C.

One copy of the LHM is being disseminated locally to the U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, the 115th Military Intelligence Group (MIG), U. S. Army, Region II, Pasadena, California, and to the U. S. Attorney's Office, Los Angeles.

Since victim in this matter is the Attorney of Record for SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, the accused slayer of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Los Angeles requests Bureau authority to disseminate one copy of above LHM to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

4 - Bureau (Encls. 9) (RM)
③ - Los Angeles
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Acknowledgment of the receipt of this information has been made to PATRICIA NAVARRO, Office Receptionist for victim.

REQUEST OF BUREAU

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process the originals for latent fingerprints of value. The Laboratory is requested to conduct appropriate hand printing examination and other appropriate examination of the originals.

The enclosed items are submitted for search and inclusion in the Anonymous Letter File.

Upon completion of examination, it is requested that the originals be returned to the Los Angeles Office.

LEAD

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will remain in contact with U. S. Attorney's Office for a prosecutive opinion in this matter.

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 10/15/68 By Telephone (SEE BELOW) Written Communication _____
date date date

Information concerning:

UNSUB;
 RUSSELL E. PARSONS - VICTIM
 EXTORTION

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

9-3947 SERIAL-1

Information furnished was obtained:

☐ during course of Bureau investigation

☐ from informants

☒ from ^{VICTIM} complainants or other sources

TELEPHONICALLY
 Information furnished to:

SPECIAL AGENT MYERS HOWARD 115 MIG, USA, GR. PI
 SPECIAL AGENT FRED CLARK USSS, LA → 4⁴⁰ PM
 SGT MICHAEL NEILSON, SUS, LAPD 11²⁰ AM 10/16

Number of items disseminated: 1

Remarks:

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John F. Morrison
 Special Agent

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Los Angeles (9-3947)

Re: UNSUB;
RUSSELL E. PARSONS - Victim;
Extortion

Date: October 21, 1968

FBI File No.

Lab. No. D-681018121 KW

Specimens received 10/18/68

- Q1 Airmail envelope postmarked "LONG BEACH, CA PM 8 OCT 1968" and bearing hand printed address "RUSSELL E. PARSONS, (ATTORNEY) LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA U.S.A."
- Q2 Accompanying hand printed letter dated 10/8/68, beginning "MR. PARSONS, IF YOUR CLIENT...." and ending "...YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT BABY"

Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Appropriate copies are being added thereto.

No watermarks, indented writing of significance or other identifying characteristics that would indicate the ultimate source of this material were noted on Q1 and Q2.

A description of the physical characteristics of the evidence is being maintained for future reference.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 are being returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Los Angeles (9-3947)**

Date: **October 21, 1968**

Re: **UNSUB;
RUSSELL E. PARSONS - Victim;
Extortion
OO: Los Angeles**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

Lab. No. **D-681018121 KW**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 10/15/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately of the results
of the latent fingerprint examination and the disposition
of the submitted evidence.**

JP
Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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SAC, Los Angeles (9-3947)

10/22/68

Director, FBI

UNSUB;
RUSSELL E. PARSONS -
VICTIM
EXTORTION

Re your airtel with attached letterhead memorandum dated 10/15/68.

Authority is granted for you to disseminate one copy of letterhead memorandum to Los Angeles Police Department.

Advise Bureau promptly with regard to U. S. Attorney's prosecutive opinion.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-3947
 FBI FILE NO.
 LATENT CASE NO. 98353

October 23, 1968

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

RE: UNSUB.;
 RUSSELL E. PARSONS - VICTIM
 EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 10/15/68
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles
 SPECIMENS: One envelope, Q1
 One letter, Q2

No latent impressions of value developed
 on the submitted specimens, which are enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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(1) - Los Angeles (56-156)

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John Edgar Hoover

Richards

John Edgar Hoover, Director

11/14/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (9-5008)
SUBJECT: UNSUB; Dr. M.T. MEHDI -
VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO:NY)

MOHAMMED MEHDI
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Dr. MOHAMED T. MEHDI
56-156-2316
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100-30352-A-20

Dr. M.T. MEHDI, Secretary General, Action Committee on American-Arab Relations, 441 Lexington Ave., NYC, advised that he received a letter postmarked 11/3/68, Flushing, NY. The letter was sent to 149-35 Delaware Ave., Flushing, NY, Dr. MEHDI's home address.

The letter advised Dr. MEHDI to cancel his proposed trip to LA as arrangements for his funeral were being made in that city on 12/5/68. The letter further stated that the results of the trip would be "personally disastrous" to Dr. MEHDI and stated that if he, Dr. MEHDI, did not "cease and desist" from his activities, he would "not only leave America but the world." The letter was signed "Salaam."

MEHDI advised that he is scheduled to go to LA on 12/5/68, and that he would hold a press conference in that city re the publication of his new book "Kennedy and Sirhan - Why."

On 11/13/68, AUSA STUART STILLMAN, EDNY, advised that he would decline prosecution in the matter as it was his opinion that the letter was innocuous, not specific and does not fall within the purview of the federal extortion statute. Victim was advised of AUSA STILLMAN's opinion.

Letter confirming conversation with AUSA STILLMAN to follow in separate communication.

3-Bureau (RM)
1-Los Angeles (INFO) (RM)
1-New York

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: 11/19/68

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: UNSUB; DR. M. T. MEHDI - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: NEW YORK

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ReNYairtel to Bureau 11/14/68. 56-156-H-380
MOHAMMAD T. MEHDI 100-30352-A-20
Los Angeles immediately notify appropriate local
authorities since victim is scheduled to arrive in that city
on 12/5/68 for press conferences.

1 - New York (9-5008) (Info)

Capt Hugh Brown
SUS Unit
LAPD.
Admiral
11/25/68
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SAC, Los Angeles

11/19/68

Director, FBI

UNSUB; DR. M. T. MEHDI - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: NEW YORK

ReNYairtel to Bureau 11/14/68.

Los Angeles immediately notify appropriate local authorities since victim is scheduled to arrive in that city on 12/5/68 for press conferences.

1 - New York (9-5008) (Info)

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11/27/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (9-5008)
SUBJECT: UNSUB;
Dr. M. T. MEHDI - VICTIM
~~EXTORTION~~
(OO: NY)

no 9 only 56-156-J-13*

Enclosed for San Francisco is one copy of NY airtel to Bureau dated 11/14/68.

ReNYairtel to Bureau dated 11/14/68, and Bureau letter to LA dated 11/19/68.

On 11/26/68, Dr. M. T. MEHDI, Secretary General Action Committee on the American-Arab Relations, 441 Lexington Avenue, NYC, advised that he was now able to state that his schedule while in California would be as follows:

Will arrive in San Francisco on 12/1/68. Dr. MEHDI advised that he will stay in the Sheraton or San Francisco Hilton Hotel. He said he will leave San Francisco for Los Angeles on the evening of 12/3/68, or morning of 12/4/68. He further advised that he will stay at the Los Angeles Hilton from date of arrival in that city until 12/6 - 7/68.

Dr. MEHDI said that he will hold a press conference on 12/5/68, at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The press conference will be open to the press.

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For information of the San Francisco Office the Bureau advised the Los Angeles Office in referenced Bureau letter to Los Angeles, ~~who~~^{to} advised local Los Angeles authorities concerning date MEHDI's visit to that city. In view of the Bureau's request to Los Angeles, the San Francisco Office is requested to advise local authorities in that city of Dr. MEHDI proposed visit.